

rehabilitation, makes the State Government authorities aware about the projects which helps in acquisition of land, shifting of utilities and getting mandatory clearances. It also helps stakeholders to plan their activities as per the proposed road development.

Appeals pending before CIC

***128. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge backlog of appeals pending before Central Information Commission;
- (b) if so, the details since when these appeals are pending;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that CIC is disposing off appeals without giving due opportunity to the person of being heard;
- (d) if so, the number of appeals disposed off in such a manner; and
- (e) whether there is any scarcity of members or staff in the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI):
(a) and (b) The Commission received a total of 4110 complaints/ appeals upto 22/11/2006 of which 2455 have been disposed off. Out of 1655 pending complaints/appeals, 68 are pending for more than 200 days.

- (c) The Commission generally gives an opportunity of hearing before deciding the appeals. However, where there is no merit in the appeal or dispute about the facts, the cases are decided on the basis of available records.
- (d) The Commission does not maintain records in this regard.
- (e) Sufficient number of Information Commissioners have been appointed and posts of staff sanctioned for the Commission.